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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE
COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED RADIO SYSTEM BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Interim Director of the Internal Services Department or his designee to enter into an agreement to allow the State of California, Department of Corrections the use of the County-wide Integrated Radio System (CWIRS) for a period of five years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The CWIRS system was built by the County in 1993 and is operated and maintained by ISD. CWIRS is used by many County departments to meet their daily radio needs and County-wide in the event of an emergency. Twenty departments are using a total of approximately 7,100 radio units.

The purpose of this action is to approve a contract with the State of California allowing the Department of Corrections Parole and Community Services Division and the Law Enforcement Investigation Unit to use CWIRS for field communications and to compensate the County for system access and usage. The Department of Corrections has a number of agents assigned locally in the County of Los Angeles. The agents need to be able to contact each other when they are in the field and to occasionally contact Sheriff or City of Los Angeles Police personnel.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals for Service Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility and Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net cost to the County. In return for using CWIRS, the State will pay the County for system access and usage fees. Annual payments are estimated to be \$238,000. The State will also pay the County a one-time fee of \$25,188 to program each CWIRS radio. ISD will incur a one-time cost of \$129,421 to develop the Sheriff and City of Los Angeles Police interfaces required by the State.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

County Counsel has indicated that Board approval is required for ISD to offer the use of the CWIRS system to a non-County agency. Since the County is the provider of service, the State has requested that the County sign their standard service agreement. The proposed agreement has been reviewed as to form by County Counsel. Either party can terminate the agreement with 30 days prior written notice.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on the County CWIRS users. Adequate capacity exists on CWIRS to absorb the additional State usage without any degradation of service to current users.

CONCLUSION:

This agreement will benefit the State Department of Corrections and the County. Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Interim Director of ISD or his designee will enter in an agreement with the State to provide them use of the CWIRS system.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel